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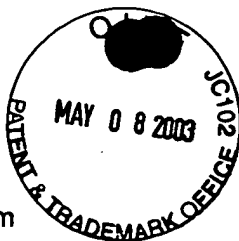
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Dear Mr. Rogan or Commissioner of Patents:

Re: Case Number: 09/682,279 Docket # 476901

I am most appreciative for your taking the time to read my letter. I am writing this letter to make you aware of the difficulty I have encountered in my pursuit of a patent for my discovery of a certain technology. I have met with clear and obvious discrimination, apathy, and mishandling and am now requesting your assistance in this endeavor.

My trouble began when I started my dealings with Mr. Jeffrey Hofsas, Supervisor, (TC-2600 GAU-2632). On (April 1, 2002), after several vain attempts, I was finally able to contact and speak with Mr. Jeffrey Hofsas, in to regard to my U.S Patent application. I informed him that his senior examiner, (Tien Van-Tanh), initially told me that he would allow my patent, but then he rejected it on behalf of Mr. Hofsas on several occasions.

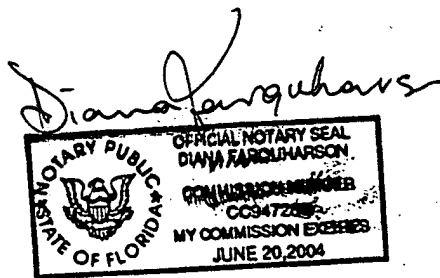
Mr. Hofsas quickly dismissed me and suggested that I employ an attorney to represent my case but rejected my application even though I had attained an attorney. Subsequent to our conversation but prior to the telephone disconnecting, I overheard Mr. Hofsas speaking to someone else using extremely discriminatory and derogatory language in reference to me and my case. The language was so offensive and what I consider to be profane that I am unable to convey it to you verbatim, but I believe that certain civil rights groups would take issue with what was said. I attribute Mr. Hofsas' apathy and disregard for my case to blatant discrimination. If Mr. Hofsas' beliefs are indicative of the Patent Office then I feel that the discrimination is institutionalized and requires investigation by someone from a higher level of office and caliber such as yourself.

After having been privy to Mr. Hofsas' views, it is clear to me that his persistent rejection of my patent application is due to his discriminatory attitude and beliefs more so than any other issue either valid or fabricated. In addition, I feel that this discriminatory attitude has occluded Mr. Hofsas from reviewing my case in an unbiased and focused manner. Throughout my dealings with the Department, I have been assured that my patent would be granted only to be told at a later date that it would not. This misleading is utterly unprofessional and demonstrates a lack of competence. Mr. Hofsas and his staff have proven that they have mishandled this case through the obvious and glaring inconsistencies as well as the negligence and discrimination ingrained within his department.

Therefore, it is at this time, that I am requesting a formal investigation into my case due to the sensitive technology, market value of such, and time restraints involved. I am most appreciative for all of your help in this endeavor. I hope that you or your designee is able to make some sense of this situation.

Best Regards,

Cecil E. Williams Jr.





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